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SUBJECT: LOS: FISHERIES

REF: A) DEPT'S A-3753, MAY 9, 1974

B) RANGOON 1175

1. SUMMARY. EMBOFF DISCUSSED FISHERIES QUESTION WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF LOS MATTERS, WHO DECLINED COMMENT ON US POSITION BUT NOTED THAT GUB TENDS TO FAVOR SOME FORM OF RESOURCES ZONE. GUB DELEGATION TO LOS CONFERENCE WILL BE HEADED BY BURMESE AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN, U CHIT KO KO, AND WILL INCLUDE OFFICIALS FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY, CENTRAL LEGAL OFFICE, AND STATE OIL AND SHIPPING CORPORATIONS. CERTAIN ADDITIONAL LOS MATERIALS, ARE REQUESTED FROM THE DEPT. TO ENABLE EMBASSY TO RESPOND TO GUB REQUEST FOR MORE LOS INFORMATION. END SUMMARY.

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2. EMBOFF DISCUSSED FISHERIES QUESTION AND EXPLAINED US POSITION

TO DAW THAN HAN, DIRECTOR, EUROPEAN/AMERICAN AFFAIRS (WORKING-LEVEL FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL PRINCIPALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR LOS MATTERS). SHE TOOK INTEREST IN SUBJECT AND EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR MATERIALS PROVIDED WITH REF A BUT DECLINED SPECIFIC COMMENT ON US POSITION. DAW THAN HAN EXPLAINED THAT INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE PREPARING GUB POSITIONS FOR LOS CONFERENCE HAS BEEN PREOCCUPIED WITH CONTIENTAL SHELF ISSUE AND HAS NOT REALLY FOCUSSED ON FISH-ERIES QUESTION YET. SHE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT BURMA TENDED TO FAVOR SOME SORT OF FAIRLY EXTENSIVE RESOURCES ZONE. ALTHOUGH BURMAJQS OWN FISHING FLEET IS SMALL, GUB WOULD LIKE TO BE IN POSITION TO EARN INCOME BY LICENSING OTHER COUNTRIES TO FISH IN SUCH A ZONE.

3. MEMBERSHIP OF GUB DELEGATION TO LOS CONFERENCE AND BRIEF BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION AS FOLLOWS:

A) U CHIT KO KO, DELEGATION CHIEF, IS CURRENTLY AMBASSADOR TGU JAPAN. A SRRMER NAVY COMMANDER, CHIT KO KO SERVED AS OFFICER ON SPECIAL DUTY WITH TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY PRIOR TO APPOINTMENT AS AMBASSADOR.

B) U MYO TUN LIN, DIRECTOR, CENTRAL LEGAL OFFICE (FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE). REPORTEDLY OF A SCHOLARLY BENT AND WITH PLEASANT PERSONALITY, MYO TUN LIN HAS LAW DEGREE FROM ENGLAND AND DOCTORAL DEGREE FROM UTRECHT.

C) U KYAW MIN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL LAW AND TREATIES DIVISION, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. KYAW MIN HAS BEEN RECLUSIVE IN CONTACTS WITH FOREIGNERS IN RANGOON BUT REPORTEDLY HE IS QUIET, SCHOLARLY BACHELOR WITH LONG-TERM INTEREST IN INTERNATIONAL LAW. HE IS SAID TO HAVE PLEASANT PERSONALITY.

D) U TINT LWIN, SENIOR GEOLOGIST, MYANMA OIL CORPORATION.

E) U TUN KYAT, MANAGER, LEGAL AND INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, BURMA FIVE STAR LINE.

4. DEPARTMENT ACTION REQUESTED: DAW THAN HAN REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING FOLLOWING MATERIALS FOR USE BY INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE PREPARING GUB LOS POSITIONS:

A) SIX COPIES OF "THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE" BY JOHN R. STEVENSON AND BERNARD H. OXMAN, REPRINTED FROM AMERICAN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, VOL. 68, NO. 1, JANUARY 1974. (DAW THAN HAN SAID COMMITTEE RELYING HEAVILY ON THIS ARTICLE, WHICH CO-AUTHORED BY DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANT LEGAL ADVISOR FOR OCEAN AFFAIRS.)

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B) SAMPLE COPIES OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN NEIGHBORING STATES DELINEATING CONTINENTAL SHELF.

BELIEVE PROMPT RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST WOULD ENHANCE EMBASSY'S RELATIONS WITH GUB OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH LOS MATTERS. GRATEFUL IF DEPARTMENT WOULD AIRPOUCH REQUESTED MATERIALS TO EMBASSY.  
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